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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yuusuke KATOU et al.  
Title: VEHICLE STEERING SYSTEM  
Appl. No.: 10/642,196  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-14, for prosecution in the subsection application. Applicants further elect the species of Figs. 1-6. Claims 1-12, and 14-16 are readable on the species of Fig. 1-6. Claims 1-11, 14-16 are generic to both the species of Figs. 1-6 and the species of Fig. 7.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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